ignored internationally accepted rules of engagement in such situations. The intruding Pakistani aircraft had disregarded all warnings and signals given to it by IAF interceptors. The actions taken by the Indian Air Force were in keeping with internationally accepted operating procedures. The Pakistani military aircraft was well within Indian air space when it was shot down. Pakistan is completely responsible for the outcome and consequences of its action. In response to Pakistan's move, through bilateral channels, to seek compensation Government have publicly stated that this was untenable and absurd.

Pakistan has also petitioned the International Court of Justice in this matter. We have submitted to the court that it does not have jurisdiction in this case.

Pakistan's Position on Kashmir

926. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the then Pak-Premier's Statement in third week of June this year that Pakistan was ready to go beyond its stated position on Kashmir, if India resumes a serious dialogue on Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, whether any clarification about the statement of going beyond Pak's stated position has been given by or sought from Pakistan; so, the details;

(c) whether any assurance about this position has since been secured from the new military regime in Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) The military coup in Pakistan has not altered Pakistan's aggressive approach or hostile policies and propaganda towards India. Pakistan's sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere has continued unabated. Pakistani forces have also continue firing across the LOC and the international Border in Jammu and Kashmir.

While Government have seen the reported statement of the Pakistan Prime Minister to the effect that both sides have to go beyond stated positions regarding Jammu and Kashmir, statements by Pakistani spokesmen following the military coup, including those by General Pervez Musharraf, indicate that Pakistan's assertions of territorial claims in J and K continue.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under Pakistan's illegal and forscible occupation. India is committed to resolve all outstanding issues with Pakistan in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. We except Pakistan to demonstrate its adherence to these agreements through its abandonment of cross-border terrorism and hostile propaganda.

Precautionary Steps by the Tourists of Philippines

927. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign affairs Ministry of the Government of Philippines has advised the tourists from that country to take precautionary steps while touring India in view of the incidents of religious violence in India;

(b) whether the notification issued by the said Foreign Affairs department, particulary mentions that the target of religious fanatics in India are domestic and foreign Christians; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to such statements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A protest has been formally lodged with Government of Philippines.